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Construction starts on kayak launch in city's Horizon Park

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has granted approval for the planned kayak launch and attendant amenities to be built this summer at Horizon Park in Belleville.

The low bid of \$194,071.50 from Blue Ribbon for construction was accepted by the Belleville Downtown Development Authority in March. But the project was put on hold until the city could get FERC approval for the work, which is in a lake that has a dam in it.

"We're excited," said Carol Thompson, coordinator of the DDA. She had sent out notices to DDA members before the May 20 regular meeting announcing that work can begin.

Thompson said the contractors are beginning the work.

She said the kiosk frame has been removed to be refurbished and weeds are being sprayed to get them out of the way for the new landscape plantings.

Thompson said they will be coordinating the construction work with events already planned for Horizon Park.

She mentioned the Thunder Rolls in Belleville at the Veterans Monument in Horizon Park on Memorial Day and then the Relay for Life event the next week end in the park on May 30. The Strawberry Festival is sponsoring a Kona Run starting at Horizon Park on Friday, June 19, and the Strawberry Festival trolley stops at the park during the festival.

Thompson said the large construction machinery will be staged out of the city parking lot next to the park. She said they have no plans to shut down High Street during construction.

Part of the construction pieces will be put into the water elsewhere and floated to this site, she said.

Thompson said, with emphasis, "It will

be done this summer!" But, she had no estimate of when that would be. She said, now that they have approval, they will be able to set a time schedule.

There was a plan to dedicate the kayak launch during last year's Taste of Belleville and that didn't work out because of delays. Now they are hoping to dedicate it this year. The Taste of Belleville is Aug. 20 this year.

The Horizon Park Improvements received a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant of \$120,700.

In other business in the brief meeting, the DDA:

- Approved its proposed 2015-16 budget of \$914,225 pretty much the same as last year, with additions of \$18,000 for donations for community event programs. A slight decrease in revenues necessitated the use of Fund Balance to balance the revenue and expenses. The Tax Capture Value is currently being audited by the City's assessing firm as part of the DDA Development and TIF plan update. When the audit is finished they'll know revenue projections for the 2015-16 budget year and will be able to make adjustments to the budget;

- Approved accounts payable of \$13,119.89, including \$3,180 to MSI for the outdoor sculptures and \$160 to Motor City Canoe Rental up front as part of the \$500 set aside for the Soup program's canoeing event;

- Heard Thompson report that the new diffusers are in the back ponds at Victoria Commons and the water seems to be clearing faster. She said a couple of fountains are not working and electricians have been called to fix the plugs;

- Heard Mayor Kerreen Conley, who sits on the DDA, explain the road assessment the city has done and the \$53,428 estimate to get the crack sealing done on Main

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

One hundred and eighty seven motorcycles roared into Belleville on Monday at the beginning of the 11th-annual Community Memorial Service at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park.

Belleville's Memorial Day ceremony takes on new story-telling goal

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Monday a new goal was announced of telling the stories of all of the 51 men whose names are engraved into the black marble on the Belleville Veterans' Memorial.

During the 11th-annual Community Memorial Service, Councilman Tom Fielder explained the project to research and then tell the stories of all of the servicemen who lost their lives in the line of duty in World Wars I and II, Korea, and Vietnam.

The plan is to tell two or three stories each year at the Memorial Day ceremonies.

Fielder started with Pfc. Robert Gordon Petrimoulx. He said Pfc. Petrimoulx grew up on Robson Road and graduated from Belleville High School with the class of 1965. He was sent to Vietnam in 1966 and on Dec. 29, 1966 in South Vietnam he was killed by ground fire and his body was recovered.

Then, veteran Cornell Anton told the story of Pfc. Edward Alan Bies, whose mother led the drive to erect a monument in Belleville. Anton said Bies, too, was in the

BHS class of 1965. He arrived in Vietnam in April 1968 and 27 days later was cut down by small arms fire. Anton said over the years after the monument was erected, Edward's father Matthew couldn't bear to look at the monument.

"These are our boys," Anton said of the young men whose names are on the monument. He said it was as if God came and said to the parents, "I will give you a wonderful boy, perfect in every way, but you can only have him 17 years." He said he doesn't think anyone would have turned God down and would have enjoyed the 17 years of love and memories.

In tears, Anton said that he knows he would eventually be able to deal with the loss of one of his sons if it happened this way, but it would be a wrenching, terrible experience.

Then, Martha Brown and Shelly Brown-Chudzinski, of David C. Brown Funeral Home, read the names of local veterans who died over the last year and Linda Aimone, the First United Methodist Church

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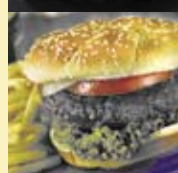
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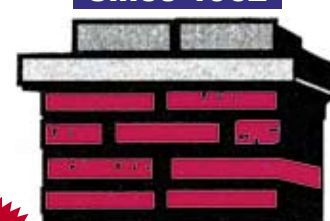
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT OKs Special Assessment District for residential road work

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After almost two hours of a public hearing on setting the assessment roll for a Special Assessment District to improve Venetian, Jeanette, and Dewitt roads, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the SAD's roll and get moving on the project.

That was at the May 19 township meeting where about a dozen speakers from the 46 families disputed details of the project, but everyone wanted better roads. They agreed Venetian, Jeanette and Dewitt roads are horrible.

Each plot in the residential area is assessed 1/46th of the project, an estimated \$570.80 a year for five years or \$2,854 total.

The exact cost will be determined after the project goes out for bids and the work begins to see if there are any big problems that pop up.

The project was made possible by a 2014 Local Road Initiative Program grant with a capped amount of up to \$750,000 from former Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano and has to be completed this construction season.

As part of the deal the county will reimburse 80% of the construction costs and the SAD provides the other 20% through annual collections over the five-year life of the SAD. The SAD covers administrative costs incurred. The township will "loan" the SAD the funds initially from its landfill fund to paid back with interest.

The interest will be 1% above the interest returns on the investment at the time of the transfer and will be repaid to the landfill fund, costing the township nothing, according to officials.

"People have to realize this is a one-time opportunity," said Trustee Jeff Jahr. "... We don't want to lose the opportunity to get the money from Wayne County."

Supervisor Linda Combs agreed. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get the roads fixed... We won't get a second bite at the apple given the financial situation of Wayne County."

As part of the project the board also:

- Authorized the loan from the landfill fund to the Venetian, Jeanette, and Dewitt roads project;

- Approved a memorandum of understanding between the township and Walden Woods Homeowners Association for road rehabilitation funding, also under the Wayne County Local Roads Initiative Program. Walden Woods has the money on hand for the 20% so a SAD is not necessary;

- Approved a Resolution spelling out the contract with Wayne County for the Local Road Initiative Program for both Walden Woods and Venetian-Jeanette-Dewitt and

authorized the supervisor and clerk to execute the agreement. Once the county has the contract it will process a payment to the township for \$187,500 to help get engineering design services started; and

- Approved a contract with Wade Trim to perform engineering services for the Wayne County Local Roads Initiative Program for (1) the Venetian, Jeanette, and Dewitt Road Improvement District SAD (for \$45,000) and (2) the Walden Woods Homeowners Association project (for \$8,500).

In other business at the 2-hour-and-15-minute meeting on May 19 the board:

- Approved the contract with R.W. Mercer Company (the only bidder) to rebuild and upgrade the township hall fueling station, which includes a 10% contingency, not to exceed a total amount of \$58,003. The plan is to upgrade security and in the 2016 fiscal year fobs will be issued to employees for fuel access at an additional cost of \$2,000;

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance to rezone a half-acre parcel with a four-bedroom residence at 51257 W. Huron River Drive from C (Local Business) to R-1A (Single Family Residence) so new owner Dave Woodard can live in the home he purchased and improve it. The second and final reading will take place at an upcoming meeting. The home, which is next door to Rite Aid, has been unoccupied for a year;

- Approved the first reading of a new zoning ordinance to permit outdoor dining and table service in the C-1 (General Business) Zoning District. This new ordinance was brought forth because two businesses that expect to be setting up shop on the former Big Boy site – Starbucks and Qdoba Mexican Grill -- wanted to have outdoor dining. The second and final reading will take place at an upcoming meeting;

- Approved a "clerical" revision to Resolution 2014-10 authorizing an Industrial Facilities Exemption for Costco Wholesale Corporation. Supervisor Combs said it was a housekeeping matter to correct a typo. But in a memo to the board Assessment Coordinator Linda Stevenson explained that on May 27, 2014 the township and Costco signed an agreement to have an escrow established for the Industrial Facilities Exemption application and the agreement to become effective once Costco closed on the purchase of the land and secured various county permits. Stevenson said the agreement has now been removed from escrow and submitted to the State Tax Commission for final approval. The State Tax Commission has requested that verbiage be added to the resolution that states specifically that after granting this certificate, the total SEV of IFTs, including this one, will not exceed

5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the ad valorem roll, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. The \$44 million Costco project is to construct a 347,720-square-foot distribution center on Belleville Road, north of Van Born;

- Heard Fire Chief Dan Besson present a recently hired paid-on-call fire fighter Aaron Ladach, who had spent three years as a fire fighter in Romulus before moving to VBT. He now works as a dispatcher in Huron Township. Chief Besson also announced the hiring of Fire Fighter Steven Orloff who could not be present; and



Aaron Ladach

Six summer concerts in VBT will be at four different locations

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Since the stage in Van Buren Park is crumbling and about to be torn down, the VBT Parks and Recreation Department is planning this summer's concerts in four different locations – on a portable stage.

The portable stage is being leased from the Belleville Area Council for the Arts at \$400 per event for a total of \$2,400 for the six concerts.

The summer concert series is expected to be approved at the June 2 meeting of the VBT Board of Trustees.

At the May 18 work/study board meeting, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Jennifer Zaenglein outlined the schedule. All concerts will begin at 7 p.m.:

- Saturday, June 27 – Beck Ball Field before the fireworks, Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band (\$800);

- Wednesday, July 1 – Walgreen's parking lot, Belleville Community Band (\$500);

- Wednesday, July 8 – Van Buren Park, Howlin' Mercy (\$500);

- Wednesday, July 15 – Van Buren Park, Toppermost (\$900);

- Wednesday, July 22 – Quirk Park, The Dan Rafferty Band (\$2,250); and

- Wednesday, July 29 – Quirk Park, The Music Lady (\$500).

Zaenglein said the total cost for the concerts is \$5,450 and she is gathering sponsorships from local businesses and had \$900 as of April 30, plus the annual \$3,000 from Waste Management. She said with all the sponsorships she got last year, they came out \$1,200 ahead.

Zaenglein said a generator comes with the stage so the township will be able to

• Heard Clerk Leon Wright describe what his office did at Belleville High School earlier in the day when they set up a "true-to-life" election with voting machines at the high school for the student council election. This is the fourth year he has done this. He reported seniors are not allowed to vote, but 788 students voted out of 1,309 in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. His office also registered 26 students to vote in regular elections. He said youth voters were up 4% in the last election at the township and he is sure that if he goes into the high school and teaches them about voting, they will register and vote in the real elections.

Absent and excused from the May 19 township board meeting were Trustees Phil Hart and Brenda McClanahan.

provide power for the performing artists.

"I don't think using new locations is going to be good," said Trustee Jeff Jahr, urging Zaenglein to keep track of attendance to measure the success rate in the change of venue.

Zaenglein said last year there were 120 to 150 in attendance per night – 1,000 for the entire series. She said she uses a counter to click for each guest.

She said the audience pays entrance fees at Van Buren Park, but there will be no fees at the other places.

Clerk Leon Wright said the township board wants to place more emphasis on Van Buren Park, which was discussed at the township board's retreat.

Also at the June 2 regular meeting, the board is expected to approve the 2015 fireworks show contract with Zambelli Fireworks Company for \$10,000. The show is scheduled at Beck Ball Field on Saturday, June 27. Rain date is Sunday, June 28.

There were three fireworks bids: Zambelli at \$4,892, Melrose at \$3,103, and Greatlakes at \$825. Zambelli was recommended by the Recreation Commission at its April 14 meeting.

Supervisor Combs will be seeking donations from corporate businesses for any overtime wages that occur with police and fire personnel for the event.

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Editorial

Everybody wants to know just what you are thinking

It started off with that long, long survey from the library board to find out what you were thinking about the defeated library ballot proposals. It was on Survey Monkey on the internet and in thousands of printed surveys.

Then, Sumpter Township's planning consultant announced she needed to know what Sumpter residents wanted for their township in the updated Master Plan.

She is putting together another long survey — also on Survey Monkey.

Then, the school board agreed to do a telephone survey to find out why its millage failed.

On Tuesday, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority looked over a proposed 15-question survey. It seeks to find out what VBT residents want the DDA to do with the Grandpa Harris homestead it recently bought. The property purchased by the DDA wraps around the real estate office owned by DDA member Carol Bird.

"The shorter the better," said DDA Chairman Craig Atchinson after looking over the lengthy questions. DDA members questioned whether the survey should ask the age of the respondent and the income, as proposed. People will be able to skip questions and still go on, so that shouldn't be a problem.

We're with Chairman Atchinson. We've seen lengthy surveys thrown in the trash. The shorter the better if you want a response.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Jane Vesche is closing Main Street Flowers on Saturday after 29 years of serving the community. Her husband Ron is negotiating the sale of the flower shop and Jane said she will be going to work for him as a real estate salesperson on Monday out of Coldwell Bankers in Plymouth where they live.

Lisa Smith of Van Buren Township planned to testify on Wednesday at a public hearing in Lansing about the benefits of marijuana oil for her son's autism.

According to a story by the Associated Press, Smith is asking the state to add autism to the list of conditions that qualify for medical marijuana. In 2013 the state's Medical Marijuana Review Panel voted against making autism eligible on a 7-2 vote.

But at this hearing, she was bringing her son's doctor from Children's Hospital in Detroit. The doctor was to testify that the green oil seems to help and wouldn't it be better than giving the kids all these psychiatric drugs?

Smith said her 6-year-old son had been pulling hair, kicking, and punching, due to a severe form of autism, but it began to change when he was given daily oral doses of oil extracted from marijuana for his epileptic seizures, which is allowed.

Smith said now he is more focused and calmer and sleeps better through the night. He has a better appetite and he is growing and gaining weight.

Doctors wrote in the February issue of a pediatric journal (*Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics*) that use of the oil cannot be safely recommended because



of a scarcity of data, but at best it might be considered a last-line therapy when all other conventional therapies have failed.

We know all the families with autistic children in our area will be watching what happens in Lansing.

Jack Knowles, the VBT Planning and Economic Development director who left township employ on Friday, said he did some quick figuring during the public hearing held for the Dewitt, Venetian, Jeanette project. Without the 80% county match, the cost would be approximately \$14,104 per lot.

He said the residents are getting a fabulous deal, no matter what the final cost turns out to be.

The cost for each of the 46 lots is expected to be \$571 per year for five years, or about \$2,854 total.

One of our readers is upset over the sculpture at the entry to the city of Belleville since it is a bright red spire with what looks like a "Muslim crescent moon on top." She thinks it may offend people.

Ruth Bleeker asked about the passenger train that used to go through Belleville and people would hurry out to wave at it.

I asked her if she was referring to the Christmas Train from Canada and she said, no, that wasn't it.

"It always came through here with

whistles blowing way down the tracks and the whistle was different sounding so we could recognize it as something *special*," Ruth said. "I believe one would have to belong to a railroad club in order to ride that train.

"Thanks, anyway, but I'll keep asking around and I THINK I CAN, I THINK I CAN!"

One of our readers alerted us that Bryce Kelley, who served in the position now called VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development for almost 13 years, had applied for the position of city manager of Farmington. The council unanimously chose David Murphy, who was serving as the city manager of Wayne.

There were 40 applicants for the position and six were chosen as finalists, with one dropping out before the interviews because he accepted another position. Farmington City Manager Vincent Pastue, who had been there 12 years and was beloved by the community, was recently hired for a city manager position in Mount Dora, FL.

Looks like rain is forecast for Saturday, the day of the big Relay for Life event at Horizon Park in Belleville. This is the first time the local relay has been set in downtown Belleville. Bring umbrellas.



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Letters

Response to 'Open Letter' from Madigan

This is a letter sent to Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs and shared with our readers.

Dear Supervisor Combs:

I was intrigued by the "open letter" to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees that was posted by Ms. Diane Madigan in the May 21st edition of the *Belleville Independent* newspaper. Ms. Madigan blatantly accuses Director Greg Laurain and Fire Department Chief Dan Besson of incompetence by allowing Fire Department Captain Kenneth Floro to continuously exploit the wage compensation rules within the Public Safety Department.

If the charges that she has made are correct I would ask you to explain why this policy is allowed to continue.

Since there is currently an open civil suit being adjudicated in the 3rd District Circuit Court I can understand why Captain Floro cannot personally respond to her complaint. However, Ms. Madigan has made several disparaging remarks that not only pose serious challenges to the integrity of our township board members but also to the current leadership of our Public Safety Department Command Officers.

I have a lot of doubt as to the accuracy of Ms. Madigan's facts since she previously made grave mistakes in the past when she was a member of the Public Safety Committee. Yes, she did get appointed as the chairperson of that committee just prior to the dissolution of the very dysfunctional and divided citizen board. Her lack of meaningful dialog and a complete disregard of respect for former Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan was pathetically obvious and totally uncalled for. So, of course, I'm skeptical of anything she might have to say in her letters.

Then she incorporates some remarks regarding Captain Floro's "transportation for his kids to schools outside the area during working hours." Again this is merely innuendo since she implies, "I've heard." There is also the serious complaint accusing Captain Floro of "abandoning his

post." This accusation was included as part of the grievance process against Van Buren Township (that the union lost in arbitration) and wasn't considered relevant in the final decision to terminate the former employee who filed the original charges against Captain Floro.

Additionally Ms. Madigan states, "It's not just the tremendous strain on the Public Safety Budget; it's also excess fatigue and adverse effect on public safety." Well, what would the cost be to taxpayers to compensate a full-time Fire Department Captain (including wages and benefits) that are now being rationed through part time services provided by Captain Floro? It would be doubled! As for "excess fatigue?" I can't ever recall a Fire Department Captain being physically exploited by having to endure excessive labor of any kind during a 24-hour tour of duty.

Let's get real for a minute. Has Ms. Madigan ever done anything in the private sector that would qualify her as an expert in labor-management relations for a township fire department ... or maybe even a child-care facility? Or, is she merely once again repeating gossip from unnamed sources and exposing petty infighting within the ranks of the union membership?

Please respond appropriately when you find time from your more important responsibilities as Supervisor.

Thank you,
CeJay Marshall
Van Buren Township

Thanks for donations for Buddy Poppies

To the Editor:

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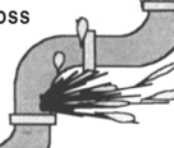


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Obituaries



Alphonse Szuma

ALPHONSE SZUMA

(November 4, 1926 - May 21, 2015)

Alphonse Szuma, 88, of Tecumseh, passed away Thursday, May 21, 2015 in Adrian. Born in Detroit to Michal and Anna Szuma. He lived most of his life in Belleville.

Alphonse was the strong silent type of man who was a jack of all trades. He would always lend a hand to others who needed help. He had a strong sense of family and heritage. He was a veteran of WWII and a proud member of the VA, PNA, and PLAV.

Alphonse was a loving husband to Marguerite and father of nine who was proud of his children: Alfonse, Michele Richardson (Steve,) Mark, Marianne, Andrew (Kim), Christopher (Bonnie), Theresa Books (Michael), Catherine deMooij (Theo), and Frances. Also, 12 loving grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Alice and brother, Frank.

The family received friends on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 from 4 until 8 p.m. at the J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, 210 Pottawatamie, Tecumseh, MI 49286. A Mass of the Christian Burial officiated by Rev. Fr. Daniel Wheeler. was held 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 27, with viewing starting at 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 506 N. Union St., Tecumseh, MI 49286. A reception immediately followed. Alphonse will later be entombed at Michigan Memorial Cemetery, Flat Rock. Memorial donations may be made in Alphonse's name to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Condolences to the family may be made online at www.pursefuneralhome.com.



STEVEN LARRY BENTLEY

(February 1, 1947 - May 18, 2015)

Age 68 of Ypsilanti. Served his country in U.S. Army and Navy. Survived by wife Sharon Elaine Bentley, four children, four grandchildren, a great-grandson, sister Brenda Diane Laginess of Belleville. Brown Funeral Home.

November election to fill two council seats, mayor's position in City of Belleville

In the Nov. 3 election voters will fill two council seats and the mayor's position in the City of Belleville.

The seats currently are filled by Councilmen Jack Loria and Tom Smith and Mayor Kerreen Conley.

Completed petitions to run in the Nov. 3 election are due to the city clerk's office by 4 p.m., July 21.



Jody Lyn Alexander

JODY LYN ALEXANDER

(May 8, 1975 - May 21, 2015)

Jody Lyn Alexander, born May 8, 1975, passed away at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti on May 21, 2015. Jody was born in Trenton, MI, the daughter of James Alexander and Sheila Lavon Frady.

She is survived by her husband Bruce Wayne Stiltner; three sons Justin Courtney of Taylor, MI, David Kezy of Troy, MI, and Mark Szymanski of Canton, MI, and a daughter Kelly Stiltner of Ypsilanti, MI. She is also survived by three step-daughters Megan, Ashley, and Jacqueline Stiltner; also her mother Lavon (Bob) Jawor; a brother James (Anna) Alexander of Southgate, MI; mother and father-in-law, Patricia and Ted Cline; and father-in-law Dudley Stiltner.

Jody was preceded in death by her twin sister Kelly Jean Alexander in 2008. Jody loved to read, loved animals and her friends, but her number one love was her family.

Jody's visitation was on Sunday, May 24, 2015 from 1 to 6 p.m. with a 6 p.m. funeral service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI, 48111. There was a private interment at Hillside Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Jody's family to help defray funeral expenses. Please sign the online guest book and share a memory for the family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

EDWARD J. WISNIEWSKI, SR.

(September 5, 1949 - May 25, 2015)

Edward James Wisniewski, Sr., age 65, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, May 25, 2015 at his home. He was born September 5, 1949 in Detroit, MI, son of Walter Bernard & Rose Anna (Ryba) Wisniewski.

Mr. Wisniewski was a member of God's City of Refuge Church, Romulus, MI. He worked as a sheet metal worker, and was a member of Local #292. He also worked for Anger Manufacturing in Northville, MI for 8 years. Besides his family, his passion was firefighting. He was on Sumpter Township Fire Department for 32 years. He also loved cars and music, especially his guitars.

Ed is survived by his wife of 44 years, Janice Marie (Rose) Wisniewski; daughter Annette (Craig) Birch of Westland, MI; two sons Edward (Renee) Wisniewski, Jr. of Ypsilanti, and Michael (Amanda) Wisniewski of Belleville, MI; ten grandchildren; one great-grandchild due November 5, 2015; two nephews Alton (Sherry) Gore and Alvis (Danielle) Gore; niece Mary (Glenn) Flaherty; also several great-nieces & nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Patrick Wisniewski, sister Angeline Gore, also his mother and father-in-law Lee & Ann Rose.

Visitation was 2-8 PM Wednesday and will be 10-11 AM Thursday, May 28, 2015 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500 with an 11:00 AM Funeral Service. Pastor David Jones will officiate. Interment will be in Otisville Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the funeral home to help defray expenses would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

More Letters

Thank you to nurse who helped me at gas station

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the nurse who just happened to be in the Sunoco station at Sumpter and Bemis when my blood sugar was out of control.

I don't know your name, but you guided me to a chair, gave me orange juice, and called the ambulance and my wife on May 18. Thank you very much.

Also, the Huron Valley Ambulance crew was great. Thank you.

Ken Roberts

Sumpter Township

Veteran disappointed in local Walmart store

To the Editor:

Every year that the Belleville Walmart has been open, local Veterans groups have been allowed to stand on Walmart property and distribute "Buddy Poppies" to the public.

This year we were refused this permission, not once but THREE times. The first time in late April a member went there to ask for permission to do this. He was told that he would have to make application on May first. When he went back on that date he was told that it would take up to two weeks to get this done. Since Poppy Days started on May 7 this would not work.

When a second member stopped by the next day he was told that it was a "corporate decision" not to allow us there. On May 21 I went to Belleville Walmart and asked to speak to a store manager. On the second try, 20 minutes later, I got to meet "Manager Cliff". All I wanted was the exact reason that we were being denied as I intended to write this letter and wanted to get the "facts correct." Manager Cliff expressed his sorrow that we, in fact, were denied, but could give me no real reason why, except to say that it seemed to be "miscommunication".

Yes, miscommunication on three different occasions, on three different days. Sorry, Cliff, that doesn't pass muster. And I know for a fact that Poppies were distributed at both the Canton store and the Taylor store. So much for "corporate" decisions.

If this is the way Belleville Walmart

treats Veterans, I personally will find other local stores to spend my money at. Being promised that this will never happen again is too little, too late, Cliff.

To paraphrase an old ditty, "Got along without you, before I met you, Gonna get along without you now."

Ross E. Medos
A Proud Veteran

Court Watching:

Two get plea deals under HYTA after home invasion, robbery

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Two men from Ypsilanti were sentenced to three years of incarceration each under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act for a crime that the judge said could have brought them life in prison.

On April 10 before Judge Dalton A. Roberson at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, Torie De-Shaun Obanner and Shelby Valentine accepted the HYTA plea deal which would wipe the offense from their records after completion of the sentence. Sentencing was to be May 1.

The two confessed to entering 27 Ash Street in Van Buren Township on Oct. 25 and making the four people in the home lay on the floor with a gun pointed at them. They took a play station, cell phone, and wallet.

Valentine had an extra charge of felony firearm because he had the weapon. His court-appointed attorney said Valentine was the father of one and the second child is expected any time. Judge Roberson asked if Valentine was married and he said he wasn't. Judge Roberson just shook his head.

Valentine was aged 20 at the time of his arrest, but now is 21, the top end of the



Obanner



Valentine

HYTA eligibility, which is the cutoff age.

Valentine originally had been charged with four counts of armed robbery, two counts of unarmed robbery, home invasion first degree, and weapons felony firearm. With his plea deal two charges of armed robbery and one charge of home invasion were dropped and he pled guilty to two charges of unarmed robbery and to felony firearm.

Obanner, 20, originally was charged with four counts of armed robbery and one

charge of home invasion – first degree. With his plea deal, two charges of armed robbery and the home invasion charge were dismissed and he pled guilty to two charges of unarmed robbery.

A 19-year-old Van Buren Township resident, Ladale Combs, bought the play station that was stolen in this home invasion and he was arrested on a misdemeanor charge. After a trial, 34th District Judge Tina Brooks Green found him guilty of receiving and concealing stolen goods.

She called his actions "just a stupid mistake" and sentenced him to one year of non-reporting probation and payment of \$400.

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Sumpter Board votes to put security cameras in township hall, fire dept.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township is putting security cameras in the township hall and the fire hall after a unanimous decision by the township board at its May 12 meeting.

The Ostech Group will install security cameras in the township hall at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 and the fire hall for \$7,994.10.

Trustee Bill Hamm made another motion, that passed, to put the security monitor in the supervisor's office at the township hall and have Police Captain Eric Luke as the administrator.

The fire chief will have the fire hall monitor in his office and will be the administrator of the cameras.

Trustee Hamm showed concern over whether the devices could be used to monitor people discussing private matters in the township hall.

Township attorney Rob Young said the surveillance will only be used to review an incident and as much audio as can be picked up.

Captain Luke said he is the administrator for the in-car cameras and body cameras.

Young said the only time they would be reviewed is if there has been an incident.

Captain Luke said these systems are running and you never know they are there, but they should be checked out at least once a week.

He said you can't see anything or hear anything and you have to be logged in to see anything.

Trustee Matt Oddy spoke of his experience with surveillance cameras and said they can be set up any way you want.

When asked why they were putting in the cameras now, Supervisor John Morgan said there have been accusations of employees not being polite and they will be able to play it back if there are further accusations.

Karen Armatis said there was an incident in Hamtramck where someone jumped over the counter in the clerk's office and started wrecking the place.

In other business at the May 12 meeting the board:

- Accepted the 2014-15 Wayne County Parks Grant for \$10,000 and thanked Treasurer Alan Bates for "working like a Trojan" to get the grant. Bates also puts in hours working to keep the parks in order;

- Approved amending the Parks and Recreation constitution by-laws to follow a State of Michigan requirement for spelling out that if Parks and Rec dissolves the money left will go to a non-profit group or the township. This is so Parks and Rec can get a bingo license;

- Approved having engineers come up with specifications to replace the crumbling cement ramp and steps at the Police Department entrance, so they can go out for bids on the project;

- Heard Fire Chief Joe Januszyk say the spaghetti dinner for Ed Wisniewski was a big success, raising \$2,500 for him; and

- Heard resident Mary Ban report that when she went to vote May 5 at the Moose Lodge a sign said to watch your step and she almost lost her balance and grabbed the wall. She said she would like somebody to take a look at the sill of the doorway, which is down. She said election workers kept hollering to watch your step and she heard a woman on a walker had stumbled there. She said she wouldn't want somebody to be hurt there. Also, she said the access is not wide enough to allow a wheelchair under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Clerk Clarence Hoffman said they would look into that.

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Van Buren Community Soccer GU12 Twisted Lightning finished in first place at the Canton Cup over Memorial Day Weekend. In back from left are: Coach Ed Dobbins, Lily Hickman, Madison Johnson, Jessica Ley, Alexia Moya, Breanna McCluskey, Alaya Mack, Coach Andrea Celia, and Coach Jeremiah Yoder. In front, from left, are: Morgan Dobbins, Nicole Dillman, Alivia Davis, Anna Atherton, Alexa Hester, Mariana Gonzalez, and Hailey McCloskey. Missing from the picture is Macayla Harris.



Van Buren Community Soccer BU8 United finished in first place in the U8 recreational division at the Canton Cup over Memorial Day Weekend. In back from left are: Coach Ken Kaminski, Nolan Kaminski, Jayden Banks, Eric Durecka, Lukas Igonin, Jack Werner, and Coach Kevin Werner. In front, from left, are: Zach Devergilio, Braden Martin, Tyler Taraszkiewicz, Noah Proffitt, and Kent Hollenquest.

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The Belleville High School Class of 1965 is planning its 50th class reunion in August. Committee members are inviting all class members to join in for a week end of laughter, friendship and nostalgia on:

- Friday, Aug. 21, informal get together.
- Saturday, Aug. 22, reunion party at the BYC (Belleville Yacht Club)
- Sunday, Aug. 23, golf scramble

A letter with a complete schedule of locations, times, and pricing information will be mailed to classmates soon. If a classmate does not receive one, email Nanci Wright at nwright823@aol.com.

Share the above information with members of the Class of 1965. The committee needs help to notify everyone.

The committee would also appreciate help locating the following classmates:

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District Library to host classes for those with concerns about falling

The Senior Alliance will hold "A Matter of Balance" class at 10:30 a.m. once a week from June 3 to July 22 at the Belleville Area District Library. The program is free.

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- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- Exercise to increase strength and balance

Elizabeth Browning of The Senior Alliance answers the question "Who should attend?"

- Anyone concerned about falls
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Sumpter Planners send amendment to Board on Roller Rink permit

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting May 14, the Sumpter Township Planning Commission approved an amendment to the special exception use permit for the Sumpter Roller Rink, 19750 Sumpter Road.

After many sessions spent on deciding what to do about the rink, the board voted unanimously to amend the permit to read there will be no promoted parties, activities would end by 1 a.m., and no alcoholic beverages would be served, all items owner Bewey Horn had agreed to at other sessions.

In addition there is a clarification based on a Carlisle Wortman planning consultant statement that under the special land use part of the ordinance any event requiring an entry fee and is open to the public would require a special events permit.

The commission approved the amendment and will send it on to the township board for final action. The owners of the Sumpter Roller Rink were not present at the meeting.

The meeting had started at 7 p.m. and the vote was under way at about 7:10, when Ashlee Rudnick of Howell walked in and announced she was the lawyer

representing the Roller Skate Park. She suggested a private meeting with the planning commission.

The commission finished its vote and then told her what they had approved.

"It sounds like my clients would be amicable," Rudnick said, adding the commission is invited to meet with her and her clients at any time.

Township attorney Rob Young took her aside and explained that the recommendation will be going to the township board for final action.

After a stabbing last Halloween when a university fraternity rented the roller rink, the Sumpter Police asked the township board to look into limiting certain leases of the rink to promote public safety.

The board turned the issue over to the planning commission for review and recommendation since the commission had worked out the details of a special exception use permit about a year ago to allow the rink to survive by leasing the building out for birthday parties, showers, wedding parties and the like.

At the May 14 meeting, planning consultant Laura Kreps also gave an update on her work on the Sumpter Master Plan. She explained that under Michigan law the plan must be reviewed every five years.

She said she has planned a survey on the website and can get hard copies to distribute to the community for input on what residents would like to see in their community. She said the survey can be under way while she is working on the update.

Commissioner Sharon Claxton said last time they had a Master Plan update, they had a meeting at the PNA Hall and it was pretty packed. That was before Carlisle Wortman became the township's planner.

Kreps said they have to do a public hearing and they could have stations so people interested in certain aspects of the Master Plan could go to that station and get

information and give opinions.

Kreps said the six-page survey would be by Survey Monkey because that online process is so easy to do and has ways to pull up and use the information gathered. The recent library survey for the tri-community

was by Survey Monkey.

The only commissioner absent from the meeting was Joy Cichewicz, who had written the library survey put on Survey Monkey.

Reorganization at Wayne Co. puts VBT detention pond on hold

A proposed regional water detention pond in Van Buren Township -- the first to be built in Wayne County -- is on hold.

The pond is being planned to service businesses on Belleville Road between the I-94 freeway and Tyler Road to save businesses the expense of putting in separate water detention ponds.

The large detention pond was being designed for land northeast of the I-94 North Service Drive and Belleville Road, behind and next to the RV business.

The project needs approval and permits from Wayne County.

At the regular Feb. 24 meeting of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, the DDA voted to pay the \$10,995.25 it owed to Wade-Trim engineers for the latest work on the project and to put the project on hold until Wayne County has completed its reorganization.

"It's frustrating," said Dave Nummer of Wade Trim. He said his contacts at the county told him all projects are on hold until the new administration's reorganization is complete.

"They're dealing with a big reorganization," Nummer said, noting department heads reportedly are sitting through seven-hour interviews describing the work their departments do.

"Sounds like it's not one of their top priorities," said DDA vice chairman Craig Atchinson, referring to VBT's pond. He suggested calling Wayne County in a month to check, but to put it on the DDA's back burner for now.

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Street and other streets. She said she is requesting that the DDA cost share on this project. She said they could review the budget after the audit and consider sharing the cost. "We get Major Street Funding and Act 51 money, but it doesn't cover this," Mayor Conley said. The city council is considering floating bonds to cover roadwork throughout the city;

• Heard Thompson announce that the new outdoor sculptures have been installed. Conley asked if they could have a tour of the sculptures, like Thompson arranged last year, and Thompson said, "We can do that"; and

• Heard DDA chairwoman Rosemary Loria report that it took her 40 minutes to get from her home on Edgemont to Gary Snarski's office on Main Street because of all the traffic diverted from East Huron

River Drive that is under construction. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said Jack Loria called city hall to complain about the timing of the traffic lights at Five Points. Kollmeyer said they called Vickie Holland at the county and then sent her an email requesting a change in the length of the green light for Savage Road. Police officers had timed the green light there at 14 seconds, allowing just three vehicles to pass. Rosemary Loria warned drivers not to try to get through that intersection between 3 and 5 p.m. She said three schools are dismissing classes in a 1-mile to 1 1/2-mile area.

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Property owners appeal rejection of plans for sun room on VBT shoreline

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

At the May 18 work/study meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, an appeal to the township board by a couple who live on the lakeshore in the city of Belleville was removed from the agenda.

Gary and Judy Dapprich, who live at 153 Potter Drive in Belleville, want to convert their existing deck to an enclosed sun room on the township's lakefront property.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Jack Knowles denied the request because it would extend into the township's lake property. He followed the township's policy on the matter that allows unenclosed, low-level structures on the township property adjacent to Belleville Lake. This includes decks, walkways, docks, boardwalks, seawall, boat hoists and other similar improvements.

Enclosed buildings, such as what was proposed, are not permitted on township property.

Currently about one half of the Dapprichs' deck extends over their rear property line and into the township property line, which is permitted.

The plan is to fully enclose a portion of the exiting deck, including the area on township-owned property, with a multi-season room that measures 14 feet by 22 feet.

This building is proposed to extend into the township property about 8 feet on the westerly side and about 5 feet on the easterly side. The room would have windows with screens, a gable ceiling/roof, and would

require additional foundation work to support the increased building loads.

In recent meetings, the VBT planning commission considered changes to the zoning ordinance with the addition of a Belleville Lake Ordinance that would put the prohibition into the ordinance. There is some disagreement on whether lakeside property owners should be allowed to build into the township property or not.

When the item was removed from the work/study agenda on May 18, it was noted that the attorneys for the township and the Dapprichs were talking.

Since 1929, the township has owned up to the 655' contour line around Belleville Lake or up to the brow of the hill.

Director Knowles gave 30 days notice in resigning from his job at the township and left May 22.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Friday, May 29** – Enroll your child in Head Start for the 2015-16 school year at Haggerty School, 13770 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is the Guidance Center Belleville Head Start program.

• **Friday, May 29** – Help celebrate the retirement of Debra Green at an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. at the library to mark her 28 years of service to the community. Light refreshments.

• **Saturday, May 30** – Van Buren Township's "Coffee with a Cop" will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island. Come tell your police officers what's on your mind.

• **Saturday, May 30** – A Lung Cancer Benefit begins at 4 p.m. at the Romulus VFW Hall, 39270 Huron River Dr., to benefit Gwennie Smith (Plank). Enjoy an evening of food, music, silent auction, 50/50 prizes, and more. Spaghetti dinner is \$10 per plate and will be served 4-7 p.m. Make checks payable to Gwen Smith Cancer Fund. 100% of proceeds goes to Gwen's fight for life.

• **Saturday, May 30** – Relay for Life at Horizon Park in downtown Belleville.



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Court Watching:

Ford bound over on weapons, marijuana, sex abuse charges in VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

DeJuan Edward Ford, 28, was bound over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for his April 8 arraignment on the information on charges of delivery / manufacture of marijuana, weapons felony firearm, possession of child sexually abusive material, and using computers to commit a crime on Feb. 18 in Van Buren Township.

Bringing the charges were members of the Western Wayne Narcotics division of the Michigan State Police. Canton Det. Brian Zinser, a member of the WVN, was the officer in charge.

After hearing testimony at Ford's preliminary exam on March 25, Judge Brian A. Oakley bound him over to the higher court.

Ford had posted his \$25,000/10% bond and retained attorney Ronald Roberts.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Parisa Mary Kiani called Det. Matthew Raschke as her first witness. Det. Raschke said he has been with Van Buren Township Police for five years and is assigned to the Western Wayne Task Force.

He said he executed a search warrant at an apartment at 10574 Oak Lane with other officers. He said they found a magazine for a handgun, a couple of bullets and currency just under \$200, along with an iPhone and three shotgun shells. Then, he observed a FN 5.7 handgun found in Ford's four-door Cadillac in the parking lot.

Ford, his wife, and two children were present during the search.

Next witness was Det. Scott Tiderington assigned to WVN by the Plymouth Township Police. He testified he did exterior surveillance until the scene was secured and then went inside for the collection of property.

Det. Tiderington testified he found a handgun box under the couch, two magazines, two live rounds, one spent round, a small quantity of marijuana (7.5 grams) in the kitchen, above the refrigerator in a box.

Det. Tiderington testified that the U.S. Postal Inspector reported opening a five-pound box containing individual heat-sealed packages of marijuana [which turned out to be 3.3 pounds].

It was explained marijuana in heat-sealed packages does not emit an odor.

The Postal Inspector re-sealed the package and it was delivered to Ford's apartment. He said when he saw the box in the apartment it was resealed.

The package was sent from 2127 Kirkham Street in San Francisco, CA and Det. Tiderington said he did not know the name of the sender.

He said digital scales, consistent with drug trafficking, were found in the apartment, along with an iPhone 6 and several other

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Davenport University honors Pavlina Novay, Jessica Boatman

Davenport University has honored Pavlina
Novay and Jessica Boatman of Belleville for
academic honors.

Pavlina was named to the President's List
for the Winter 2015 Semester. To achieve
recognition, a student must maintain a minimum
3.8 grade point average while enrolled in at least
nine credits of regular coursework.

Jessica was named to the Dean's List for the
Winter 2015 Semester. To achieve the Dean's
List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5
grade point average while enrolled in at least
nine credits of regular coursework.

Airman Jonathon Brunett graduates from basic military training

Air Force Airman Jonathon C. Brunett
graduated from basic military training at Joint
Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio,
Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-
week program that included training in military
discipline and studies, Air Force core values,
physical fitness, and basic warfare principles
and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four
credits toward an associate in applied science
degree through the Community College of the
Air Force.

Brunett, a 2012 graduate of Belleville High
School, is the son of Cristian P. and Mary E.
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 19, 2015

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Jahr, and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Trustee Hart and Trustee McClanahan. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Development Services Director Knowles, DPS Superintendent Turner, Public Safety (Fire) Deputy Director Besson, Wade Trim Engineer Nummer, Attorney McCauley and an audience of twenty-eight (28).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendment: New Business Item #2 corrected to read "To consider approval of the first reading of Ordinance 05-19-2015 (1) to implement rezoning request approval for parcel V125-83-118-99-0020-000 from C (Local Business) to R-1A (Single Family Residential) as recommended by the Planning Commission." Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of April 20, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of April 20, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2015; Special Work Study Session Minutes of May 6, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of May 6, 2015; Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2015; Prepaid List of April 24, 2015; Prepaid List of April 30, 2015; Prepaid List of May 8, 2015; Prepaid List of May 14, 2015; Voucher List of May 5, 2015; Voucher List of May 19, 2015 and approval of the clerical revision to Resolution 2014-10 authorizing an Industrial Facilities Exemption for Costco Wholesale Corporation]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Miller seconded to open the Public Hearing on the assessment roll for the Venetian, Jeanette and Dewitt Road Improvement-Special Assessment District at 7:03 p.m. Motion Carried. Director Knowles explained the purpose of this second Public Hearing was to receive public input of the assessment roll for Venetian, Jeanette and Dewitt Road Improvement Special Assessment District based on engineering estimates of probable costs. In order for a property owner to protest an assessment to the State for any reason, they must notify the Township before or during this hearing. Total estimated cost of construction is \$684,814. The total proposed to be paid by the property owners through the Special Assessment District is \$131,309. Each tax parcel is proposed to pay one equal share or 1/46th of the total cost over a five-year period. Residents made comments regarding the cost analysis of the project, interest rate on the assessment, potential cost overrun, drainage, permitting, access to parcels, road construction processes, assessment by linear frontage, assessment by unit parcel, validity of the petition process, driveway approach replacement, the current condition of the roads and the great opportunity to have 80% of the costs covered through the Wayne County Local Roads Initiative Program.

The Board was presented a map of the project area indicating parcels with large frontage and a letter from resident Laurie Mercurio of 45166 Jeanette who, in her letter, stated she is opposed to the assessment. The following residents stated for the record they are opposed to the assessment: Resident Douglas Wells of 45131 Jeanette, resident Howard Nugent of 11507,

resident Debbie Allen of 45116 Jeanette, and resident Catherine Howard of 45131 Jeanette in order to protect their ability to appeal to the Michigan State Tax Tribunal.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to close the Public Hearing at 8:46 p.m. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Besson presented recently hired Fire Fighter Aaron Ladach and announced the hiring of Fire Fighter Steven Orloff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the contract with R.W. Mercer Company to rebuild and upgrade the Township Hall Fueling station which includes a 10% contingency, not to exceed a total amount of \$58,003.00. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 05-19-2015 (1) to implement the rezoning request for parcel V125-83-118-99-0020-000 from C (Local Business) to R-1A (Single Family Residential) as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 05-19-2015 (2) to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended, to permit outdoor dining and table service in the C-1 (General Business) zoning district. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2015-19 the Venetian, Jeanette and Dewitt Road Improvement District-Special Assessment District assessment roll. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2015-20 authorizing a loan to the Venetian, Jeanette, and Dewitt Road Improvement District-Special Assessment District from the Landfill Fund. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Walden Woods Homeowners Association and the Township for road rehabilitation funding under the Wayne County Local Roads Initiative Program. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2015-21 the contract with Wayne County for the Local Roads Initiative Program, with attorney revisions, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the contract with Wade-Trim to perform engineering services under the Wayne County Local Roads Initiative Program for (1) the Venetian, Jeanette, and Dewitt Road Improvement District-Special Assessment District in the amount of \$45,000.00 and the (2) Walden Woods Homeowners Association for \$8,500.00 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The March 2015 Budgetary report was received and filed. The report is available for review at the Clerk's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs Announced the Antique Appraisal Fair at the Belleville Area Museum on May 21st, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Thunder Rolls starting at the Wayne County Community College-Western Campus at 1:00 p.m. and in the City of Belleville at approximately 2:00 p.m. Monday May 25, 2015. Proceeds benefit Veterans in need. Clerk Wright announced the Township Hall administrative offices will be closed on Monday May 25, 2015 in observance of Memorial Day and the Clerk's Office assisted Belleville High School with their Student Council Election on Tuesday May 12, 2015 through a generous donation

received from the Cozzad Rotary Foundation. This year marked a milestone for the project. Graduating seniors have been provided this opportunity throughout their entire high school term. 60% of students participated in the "life-like" voting experience, 26 registered to vote and 11 completed applications to work in the community as Precinct Inspectors. Since the inception of the project the Clerk's office has seen an increase in the voting in the 18-21 year old age range.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, June 1 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, June 2 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

- Monday, June 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

- Tuesday, June 9 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library meeting at 7:30 p.m. (NEW TIME)

- Wednesday, June 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, June 11 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, June 15 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, June 16 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

The Belleville Area District Library Board will change their meeting time to 7:30 pm, beginning at the June 9, 2015 regular meeting.

The library board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

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Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

Belleville Area District Library Notice of Public Hearing

The Belleville Area District Library will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 7:30 pm in the program room of the library, 167 Fourth Street, Belleville, MI 48111, to consider the proposed 2015-2016 Library Budget.

The proposed library budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year is \$964,670. **The property tax millage rate (.7 mills) proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

A copy of the proposed budget is available at the Library during open hours (Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 9 pm, and Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm).

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Memorial Day

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Blessed Bellringer, tolled her hand bell for each name.

Kathie Steigerwald of Brown's Funeral Home puts together the memorial service each year and this year she put her grandson Ethan Steigerwald on the program to give A Child's Perspective.

Ethan was at the first Community Memorial Service as an infant and 11 years later was at the microphone. He asked for a moment of silence and then went over and shook hands with the seven veterans

from VFW 4434 and PLAV 167, who were waiting to do the 21-gun salute towards the end of the ceremony.

State Rep. Kristy Pagan arrived on one of the 187 motorcycles that had ridden some 28 miles around Van Buren and Sumpter townships before heading to the memorial for the ceremony. Each registered cyclist had given a donation to be used for veterans.

The ceremony brought music from the Belleville Community Chorus, prayers from Pastor Robert White of Grace Baptist Church, across the street from the memorial,

and brief speeches from representatives of the City of Belleville and Van Buren and Sumpter townships.

The Canton Young Marines were an important part of the ceremony, as they have been for the last decade.

Ross Medos, Commander of VFW Post 4434, played "Taps."

Then, the ceremony concluded with the National Moment of Remembrance, established by Congress, that asks Americans wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time, on Memorial Day, to pause for a minute in an act of national unity.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 28, 2015

Meeting called to order with the pledge at 6:30 pm by Supervisor J. Morgan showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Hamm, Oddy, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 13 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman with item G added. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of April 14, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to accept the minutes of the planning commission of March 12, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the warrants totaling \$1,047,629.37. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, Hoffman, Bates, Hamm, Oddy, P. Morgan & Swinson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve the parks & recreation/chamber report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Attorney: Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to direct the attorney to work to 1. Resolve the easement issues at the medical building. 2. Revise the 457 pension plan to include a Roth plan. 3. To accept the attorneys report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Board Response

10. Presentation by Dave Wilson of Senior Alliance

11. Old Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to reconsider the second reading of the provisional center zoning ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to TABLE the second reading of the provisional center zoning ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to hire back-up building inspector Tim Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Bates, supported by Hamm to no longer

require a 5/12 pitched roof for detached accessory building. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve to change requirement for a new residential home from a 5/12 pitched roof to a 6/12 pitched roof. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Hamm, supported by Hoffman to approve the purchase a 2005 Club Cart Golf cart from Golf Carts Plus Inc. for \$3,300.00 paid for with parks & recreation funds. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to have a benefit dinner for firefighter Ed Wisniewski at the community center Friday May 8 at 4 pm and waive the rental fee. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to approve to award Banotai park lot bid to Diversified Excavating for \$10,700.00 and to fix the fence to be paid from Wayne County park funds. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve to rehire Jamie Goode to fire department contingent upon passing background check. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Announcements:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to do a proclamation naming May as Honor and Remembering our soldiers who lost their lives in the war. Purchase honor & remember flags to fly on our township poles. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Open Floor

15. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on April 28, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

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Ford bound over

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phones. There was \$199 in cash and when cross-examined by the defense attorney Roberts, Tiderington conceded that it was not normal to find that little money in such a case.

Det. Zinser was the next witness and he testified about the download of the iPhone 6 that showed multiple nude photos of a boy about three years of age. He was lying face up on a couch with his genitals exposed. The next series shows the boy fondling his genitals with an erection. He said there were six photos of the child with the erection.

Det. Zinser testified there were multiple photos of Ford, some 1,600 photos and videos, and the most important ones were put into evidence.

When the prosecutor gave the reproduced photos to Judge Oakley, the judge said they were just 1x1" in size and very hard to see.

Det. Zinser said the text messages included tracking number of the package just delivered and a tracking number for a package delivered a month earlier. There also were pictures of marijuana.

Defense attorney Roberts moved to remove Count 3, possession of child sexually abusive material, but Judge Oakley there is at least probable cause to keep that in place.

At the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on April 8, Ford was arraigned on the information and a calendar conference was set April 16 with Judge Michael Hathaway. A jury trial before Judge Hathaway is set for June 30.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 565 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, May 17:
0130 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0140 – suicide or attempt, Bemis Rd.
0357 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0639 – assault & battery, Arthur St.
0909 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Blvd.
1324 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1325 – private property accident, Denton Rd.
1447 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1450 – larceny from auto, Van Buren St.
1553 – noise complaint, McBride Ave.
1612 – private property accident, Belleville
1937 – disorderly conduct, Quirk Rd.
2030 – fight, Quirk Rd.
2054 – fraud, Oak Blvd.
2149 – suspicious person, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2309 – disorderly conduct, Van Born/Haggerty Blvd.
Monday, May 18:
0011 – assault and battery, Denton Rd.
1024 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1104 – property damage accident, S. Wayne
1156 – missing person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1217 – neighbor trouble, Fret Rd.
1254 – assault & battery, Park Estates
1427 – larceny, Anna Dr.
1557 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Manor
1559 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1636 – property damage accident, Jackson St.
1643 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275
1749 – missing person, Hampton Dr.
1836 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1928 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1953 – juvenile complaint, Oak Blvd./Lohr Rd.
2045 – suspicious situation, Peachtree Ln.
2059 – suspicious situation, Denton Rd.
2107 – fraud, Brookside Dr.
2254 – suspicious person, Andover Dr./Tyler Rd.
2303 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2318 – assault & battery, Ash Dr.
2346 – breaking & entering, Red Oak Dr.
Tuesday, May 19:
0002 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.
0054 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
0524 – malicious destruction of property, Oak
0725 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
0746 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
0752 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
0753 – disorderly conduct, McBride Middle School
0851 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0912 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0941 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1042 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1145 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1209 – operating while intoxicated, Westlake
1313 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1346 – suspicious person, Oak Ln.
1538 – property damage accident, L&W Engineering
1727 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1844 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2225 – assault & battery, Borgman Ave.
2347 – missing person, Jackson St.
Wednesday, May 20:
0041 – noise complaint, Van Buren/Lincoln
0548 – larceny from auto, Riggs Rd.
0814 – trespassing, America
0905 – suspicious situation, I-94/rest area
1011 – breaking & entering, Maple Dr.
1142 – mental, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1202 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1547 – child abuse, Lacy Dr.
1605 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1609 – suicide or attempt, S. Bellridge Dr.
1619 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1619 – trespassing, Stonebridge Dr.
1649 – juvenile complaint, Belleville/Tyler
1713 – agency assist, Wildrye Ct.
1736 – loitering, Belleville Rd.
1737 – missing person, Belleville Rd.

1741 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1754 – larceny from auto, Denton
1822 – private property accident, Quirk Rd.
1825 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.
1933 – noise complaint, Bld. 13, Westlake
2044 – retail fraud, Belleville
2126 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
2236 – noise complaint, Wheeler St.
2313 – disturbance, Parkwood Dr.
Thursday, May 21:
0124 – suspicious person, WB I-94/Haggerty
0505 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0713 – larceny from auto, W. Sadie Ln.
1253 – larceny from auto, Denton
1414 – suicide or attempt, Oak Ln.
1422 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1611 – malicious destruction of property, Van Born
1633 – private property, Van Born
1634 – disturbance, Denton
1743 – missing person, Holly Ln.
1741 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1923 – noise complaint, S. Woodbury Dr.
2037 – noise complaint, Renton Rd.
2051 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2148 – noise complaint, Western St.
2220 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave./ W. Schooner Dr.
Friday, May 22:
0128 – disturbance, Michigan Ave.
0217 – suspicious situation, Republic Dr.
0542 – larceny from auto, Wilson Ave.
0736 – suspicious person, Martz Rd.
0744 – child abuse, McBride Middle School
0814 – larceny, Westlake Circle
1203 – suspicious person, Edison Lake
1336 – fraud, Sawgrass Ct.
1404 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1413 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1443 – malicious destruction of property, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1535 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
1551 – property damage accident, Belleville/N. Service Dr.
1634 – missing person, Fret Rd.
1646 – private property accident, Sumpter Rd.
1755 – property damage accident, Van Buren Plaza
1918 – suspicious person, Van Buren Park
2028 – unauthorized driving away of auto, City Trends
2106 – assault & battery, Kirkridge Park Dr.
Saturday, May 23:
0007 – noise complaint, Hull Rd.
0058 – missing person, Van Buren Ln.
0059 – disturbance, Meadows Ln.
0059 – disorderly conduct, W. Huron River Dr.
0105 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.
0428 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0936 – malicious destruction of property, Rose Blvd.
1107 – mental, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1252 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1355 – mental, Kennedy Ct.
1519 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1611 – mental, N. Bellridge
1724 – overdose, cemetery/Old Denton
1745 – family trouble, Martz Rd.
1819 – disturbance, Quirk Rd.
2042 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2141 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
2144 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2150 – noise complaint, Stratford Dr.
2212 – noise complaint, Deanna Dr.
2216 – shots fired, Hot Spot
2232 – noise complaint, Truman
2252 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2258 – fireworks, North Shore Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 161 traffic stops, 33 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 17:
0139 – assist fire dept., Church list
1033 – harassment call, Main St.
1415 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1557 – disturbance, Bay Pointe Dr.
1654 – assault & battery, Bay Pointe Dr.

2045 – disturbance, Carmell St.
2329 – found property, N. Liberty St.
Monday, May 18:
0233 – agency assist, W. I-94/Southport
0735 – intrusion alarm, Savage
0908 – property damage accident, Columbia/tracks
1040 – abandoned auto, Lunch Box
1514 – domestic assault, South/tracks
1605 – E-911 cellular, South St.
Tuesday, May 19:
0924 – civil matter, Main St.
1132 – missing person, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1222 – E-911 cellular, Third St.
1505 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1534 – vehicle lockout, Third St.
1838 – sexual assault, Carmell St.
1918 – fraud, Edison
2208 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.
Wednesday, May 20:
0643 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1347 – traffic complaint, Main St./Huron River Dr.
1355 – private property accident, W. Columbia
1613 – suspicious situation, Carmell St.
1642 – intimidation threat, Anaheim
1841 – civil matter, Carmell St.
2252 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
Thursday, May 21:
0800 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1034 – sexual assault, W. Columbia Ave.
1136 – E-911 hang up/investigation, latlong-42:12.27N,83:29:23W
1235 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St.
1319 – civil matter, Third St.
2015 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2042 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2145 – information, Main St.
Friday, May 22:
0157 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0351 – disturbance, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1012 – suspicious vehicle, Tuscan Manor
1221 – traffic complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2243 – suspicious situation, Breakwater
Saturday, May 23:
1052 – fight, Robbe St.
Also on this week’s log are 53 traffic stop.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 17:
0705 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0707 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1142 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1203 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1305 – ordinance violation, 25000 bl. Sherwood
1432 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1512 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1719 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1725 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1849 – trespassing complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1858 – ORV complaint, Oakville Waltz/Elwell
2013 – well-being check, Wyoming
2037 – ORV complaint, Colorado
2303 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
Monday, May 18:
0646 – suspicious vehicle, Arizona
0844 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0850 – animal complaint, Rustic Lane
1107 – malicious destruction of property, Walnut
1128 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1225 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1328 – breaking & entering report, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
1711 – suspicious incident, Willis/Sherwood
1720 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1848 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1922 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1953 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2044 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2301 – noise complaint, Third St.
Tuesday, May 19:
0139 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1521 – traffic hazard, Elwell Rd.
1547 – ordinance violation, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1612 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1641 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1907 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 41000 I. Willow Rd.
2241 – juvenile complaint, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Wednesday, May 20:
0351 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0454 – assault, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0817 – larceny, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1150 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
1549 – trespassing complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1711 – disorderly person, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1833 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1939 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2011 – suspicious incident, Judd/Sumpter
2016 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Willow
2056 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Thursday, May 21:
0031 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
0946 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1009 – subpoena service, 48000 bl. Timberpark
1100 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Judd
1141 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1510 – suspicious vehicle, Willow/Karr
1517 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1811 – civil dispute, Brookview
1918 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
2210 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2341 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
Friday, May 22:
0151 – suspicious vehicle, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0908 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1104 – fraud complaint, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1415 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1647 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
2028 – breaking & entering report, Mulberry
2240 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2354 – suspicious person, Arizona
Saturday, May 23:
0134 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Willis
0239 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0938 – traffic hazard, 8000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1217 – disorderly person, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1347 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1659 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1956 – shots fired, 46000 bl. Thatcham Ln.
2017 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2034 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2043 – juvenile complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2107 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
2337 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 14 follow-up investigations, 32 miscellaneous details, 111 patrol checks, and 46 traffic stops.

Correction: Wrong name under picture of Sumpter Police Officers

On page 3 in last week’s *Independent* we identified the police officer in the picture with Sumpter Township Police Chief Jim Pierce and Sgt. Chris McGlynn as Officer James Balowski. It wasn’t Balowski in the picture. It was Officer Brian Steffani. In fact, Officer Balowski Officer Steffani was pictured twice on that page. (With his hat on he looked slightly different.) Anyway, we present to you here the real Officer Joseph Balowski, who was named Sumpter Police Officer of the Year, as well as receiving a Chief’s Recognition Award. Officer Steffani received the Patrol Productivity Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Chief’s Recognition Award. We regret the misidentification under the picture, especially since the police department is giving Steffani lots of razzing over it.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor





Winners named in 2015 Sumpter Fest Parade

The prize-winning entries of more than 30 in Saturday's 40th-Annual Sumpter Country Fest Parade were announced at the pavilion after the parade.

Children's Group:

• 1st place – Rollers Skate Park, with patriotic roller skaters and a rousing song of "This Land is Your Land..."

• 2nd place – Sumpter Royalty

• 3rd place – St. Anthony Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts

Community Organization:

• 1st place – Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue

• 2nd place – VFW 4344 / PLAV 1697

Float:

• 1st place -- Boughan's Haunted Hayride of Fright

• 2nd place – River of Life Church

• 3rd place – Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club

Antique Vehicle:

• 1st place -- Andrew Nagy with his 1939 Allis Chalmers tractor, the 20,000th built that year, and one of few left

• 2nd place – Jim Posegay and his 1958 white Chevrolet Impala, which has won many prizes over the years

Equine/Horse Drawn Vehicle:

• 1st place – Dogs & Suds

Specialty Group:

• 1st place – Greco Choi Kwang Do Demo Team

• 2nd place – P&P Dance Center

• 3rd place – Lower Huron Metro Park

The judges of this year's parade were Jade Jones and Spenser Feld.

Independent photos by Bob Mytych
A float and large contingent of roller skaters represented Sumpter Roller Park in Saturday's Sumpter Township Country Fest Parade. They stopped in front of the judges' stand to belt out "This land is your land, this land is my land ..." The group won first place in the Children's Group.

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from St. Anthony Catholic Church's Troop 793 led off the Sumpter Township Country fest Parade on Saturday.

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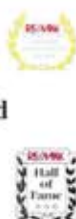
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